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## Newsletter

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#### Thanks

- .. to those parents who helped out at this week's Year 4 to 6 Winter Tournament.
- .. to those parents who are working on the "kindness" virtue at home with their children.
- .. Mike Sinclair for making PMP equipment.
- .. Mrs Pol every morning without fail spends 15-20 mins with 1 pupil hearing the reading, helping with reading activities. It has made the world of difference to this child's learning.
- .. to Vicky Attwood of Matarau Rd for donations from sales of bags of mandarins. It is very generous.
- .. to Hammer Hardware Kamo and Kamo Pet Shop for their kind donation to one of our children in the senior school for their Action Research project.
- .. to Mark and Team at Printing.com, 13 Reyburn St, for the outstanding service and price given to us for a recent printing job.

#### People of the week

- .. to Orlando for showing outstanding kindness and consideration to his mum after her knee operation. Well done Orlando.
- those children who attend after school reading labs - a pretty big ask after a full days work.
- .. Xanthe who recently won the Northland water Ski Team handicap Tricks Cup, Best Junior Cup, and Most Improved Junior Cup. Awesome cups Xanthe.
- .. and Max who won the handicap Tricks Slalem Cup. Well done Max.
- ..Kayla for receiving "Player of the Day" for Matarau Misfits Netball team last week.
- .. Christine for receiving "Player of the Day" for Matarau Magic Netball team last week.
- .. Miss Hewitt who brightens our days with her cheerfulness.

*Please let the office know of any special achievements so that we can celebrate these together. Also we are keen to hear of shining examples of the kindness virtue .. so .. please keep us informed.*

#### CURRENT VIRTUE .. KINDNESS

Support material for the KINDNESS virtue was sent out with last week's newsletter.

Please remember to ..

- .. take the time to discuss the attached material with your child(ren) at home.
- .. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives.
- .. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.
- .. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others.

#### Dental Caravan

Remember that messages for the diagnostic clinic can be left at the school office. Where a message is left, your child should be seen within a week. For more urgent cases please phone the Whangarei Hospital on 4700012.

### **Lost**

If anyone has seen/picked up a Whangarei Library Book entitled "The Solar System", dropped outside the School Hall, could you please return it to the School Office.

### **Phone System**

Please be patient when phoning the school as we only have two telephone lines. If someone is already leaving a message you will go in a loop. Perhaps hang up and try again later. Email is a good option for non-urgent messages (eg absences or teacher messages).

### **20 Hour Famine**

A relatively small number of children have returned sponsor money / booklets at this stage. Please note that sponsor money (and booklets) are due at school no later than 24 June please. Please note that, if your child registered for the programme and received a booklet this booklet MUST be returned whether or not they took part in the Famine.

### **Forthcoming dates to note**

.. 1 July	Middle School Rippa Rugby Tournament	.. 5 July	Choir to Hurupaki School
.. 11 July	School Science fair	.. 11/12 July	Mid year parent / teacher interviews

### **Visit by K.H.S. Senior Managers**

As mentioned in earlier newsletters senior managers from Kamo High School will visit Matarau School on the evening of 28 June. This meeting will take place in the staffroom starting 7:30 PM and is an opportunity to hear about some of the things on offer at K.H.S. and to ask questions. Year 8 children and their parents are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to consider the K.H.S. option in a small group setting. May also be of interest to parents of Year 7 children.

(Kamo High School's opening evening is scheduled for 11 August - more to follow)

### **Early notice**

.. that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 11 and 12 July to provide a brief break before parent / teacher interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30-45 minutes early on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please.

### **Mid year Interviews**

Interview appointment forms will be sent out some time next week. Times will be allocated on a first in basis.

### **Science FAIR - Senior School**

Remember to check your child's homework book from time to time to see if extra support is needed. Please contact your child's teacher early if you have any concerns or if your child seems to have "stalled".

### **Preparation for International Schools English Exam (test day 2 August)**

By this stage we hope that children have completed at LEAST two (possibly 3) practice papers. If not, please ensure they find a quiet place and a suitable time to do a paper this weekend. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. These tests are quite difficult and if your child is getting more than half correct (around 20 out of 40 questions) this may not be a bad start. If they are still getting below 20 out of 40 in 2 or 3 weeks please give Kevin a call, or flick him an email ([principal@matarau.school.nz](mailto:principal@matarau.school.nz)). Most children should be aiming for a mark up or beyond 30 out of 40. Please keep their past answers so that you can monitor progress.

### **Preparation for International Schools Mathematics Exam (test day 16 August)**

Commencement papers (and answer booklets) were given out this week. Please ensure children have completed their first practice paper by mid way through next week. As with the English papers, further practice papers are available from the school office. Children doing both the English and maths exam will need to manage their preparation time fairly carefully. We will all meet again in a week or two to discuss test technique.

### **International Schools Practice Papers**

If you have any papers at home from last year please return these to school.

**Cross Country** - The School event has been set for Monday 22 August (pp 23 August). Te Horo Taniwha Challenge is set for 18 August. For those who qualify for Barge Park Interschool event, this will be held Friday 2 September.

### **School Contribution**

A reminder to get outstanding term 2 school contributions to school asap please. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

**Scholastic Book Club** - All orders and payments to office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June please.

### **School Holiday Programme**

School holidays are fast approaching and if you are wondering what to do with the kids over the break why not book them into SKIDS holiday care programme. We are planning for lots of fun days filled with games, prizes, cooking, face painting, wheelie days, crazy hair days etc. Come and see Kylie or Hannah to discuss your child's care further. We look forward to meeting with you. Thanks Kylie and Hannah.

### **Situations Vacant**

Programme Manager required for SKIDS Matarau After School and Holiday Programmes, daily after school 2.30 - 6.00, Holidays 8.00am-6.00pm, please contact Caylee Grant - SKIDS Programme Co-ordinator, 09 5766602, 021 2877170, [caylee@skids.co.nz](mailto:caylee@skids.co.nz)



### **Community Notices**

**For Rent** - 2 bedrm cottage and sleepout in Ruatangata. New kitchen, recently decorated. \$220pw inc power and lawns. Ph Jenny 4355336 or (027)3258617.

**For Sale** - Bookcase/mirror/noticeboard in primary colours on rotating swivel. Great for small spaces and multi-functional. In very good condition, \$125. Ph Michele 4335 735 to view.

**Moving Sale** - Queen & 2 single beds, 3+1+1 lounge suite, coffee table, electrical appliances, kitchenware, 40" TV and more. Phone Kelly 4351230.

**Bantam Polish Runners** - All roosters beautiful colours, free to a good home. Ph 435 0230.

**Cute Puppies** - Foxy Jack Russell X lab, 6 weeks old (already weaned) \$40 each. Ph Sarah 4335909 or 02102747487.

**Babysitter Available** - Former Matarau student, Holly Duckmanton, now aged 16yrs, is available for casual babysitting jobs. Refer to Mr T, Scotty Delemare, Mrs Bruce or Rachel Burgin, at school, for character references!! Has own drivers licence and vehicle. For enquiries phone Holly 4335 735 or 021 048 1645 after hours.

**Marsden Bay Holiday Camp** - Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 10am, \$160 per child, \$300 for two, \$370 for three in same family, lots of outdoor activities, Secret Agent 007 costume Party. To register or for further information contact Helena Lamason 09 4447456 or email [hlamason@hotmail.com](mailto:hlamason@hotmail.com)

**School Holiday Cricket Program** - 18-27 July, 10-3pm for 2 days, \$30 per day 8-13 yrs. Bellahomes Northland Cricket Centre. Ph 438 2400 or [www.northcricket.co.nz](http://www.northcricket.co.nz)

### **And Finally**

What do you call the famous Italian artist who did his paintings sitting on a fridge? .... Botticelli

*.. 50 house points next week for any child who can tell their teacher something about the life or works of Botticelli (information inside the main office door).*

*.. 50 house points for any child who can tell their teacher something about the saxophone - OR who can draw a saxophone (information inside the main office door).*

Regards

Kevin Trewhella  
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**Mondays** – Spaghetti or Baked Beans in a cup with Toast & grated cheese; Chicken or Beef Flavoured noodles; all served with a Fruit Drink for \$3.00; orders to the office by 10.30am each Monday.

**Wednesdays** – Sausage in Bread with sauce for \$1.00; orders to the classroom teacher each Wednesday morning at 9am.

**Fridays** – Mince Pie, Big Daddy or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) with a Drink for \$4.00 or swap for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50; or Macaroni Cheese with Juice for \$4.00; Order by Wednesdays to receive Friday.

## **Reminder – Compost for Sale**

Pickup will be available on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, between 2 and 4 pm. Contact Lisa Jones on 435 6199 for more information. Thank you. **Directions.** From Matarau School, turn right onto Rushbrook Rd, go to end, turn right onto Jordan Valley Rd, and turn into first driveway on left.

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## *Annual Matarau School Trivia Night* **(20 August 2011)**

If anyone is able to help with finding sponsorship or prizes for Trivia Night to contact Wendy Francis or Jane Martin , please contact Wendy on 435 4659 or Jane on 433 5967.

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